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-Tranquil Melancholy

Brother!
What just happened-...
ZAH...!
HA!
H...!
Zhen
are pitiful creatures
Fei.

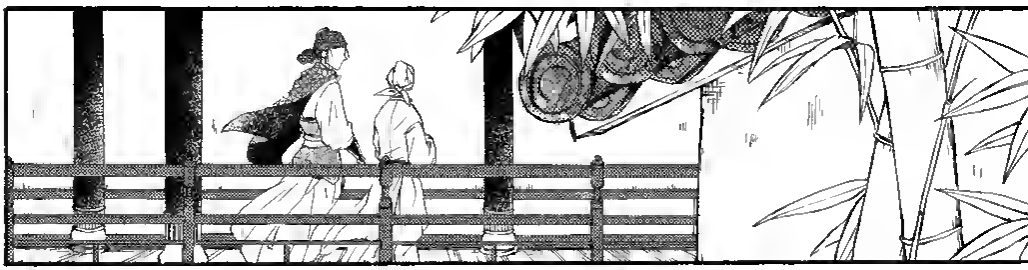
has no worth
It seems a bird that is not beautiful

【CHAPTER 2】

KLANK
KLANK
Isn't the Grand Marshal in high spirits these days?
Well, of course.
He finally got his hands on the Zhen he was eyeing for such a long time.
THOP
T-THOP
You mean *that* thing?
The one previously owned by General Fei's brother.
Yeah.
T-THOP
He's all hyped up, especially now that the next Zhen exhibition fair is just around the corner.

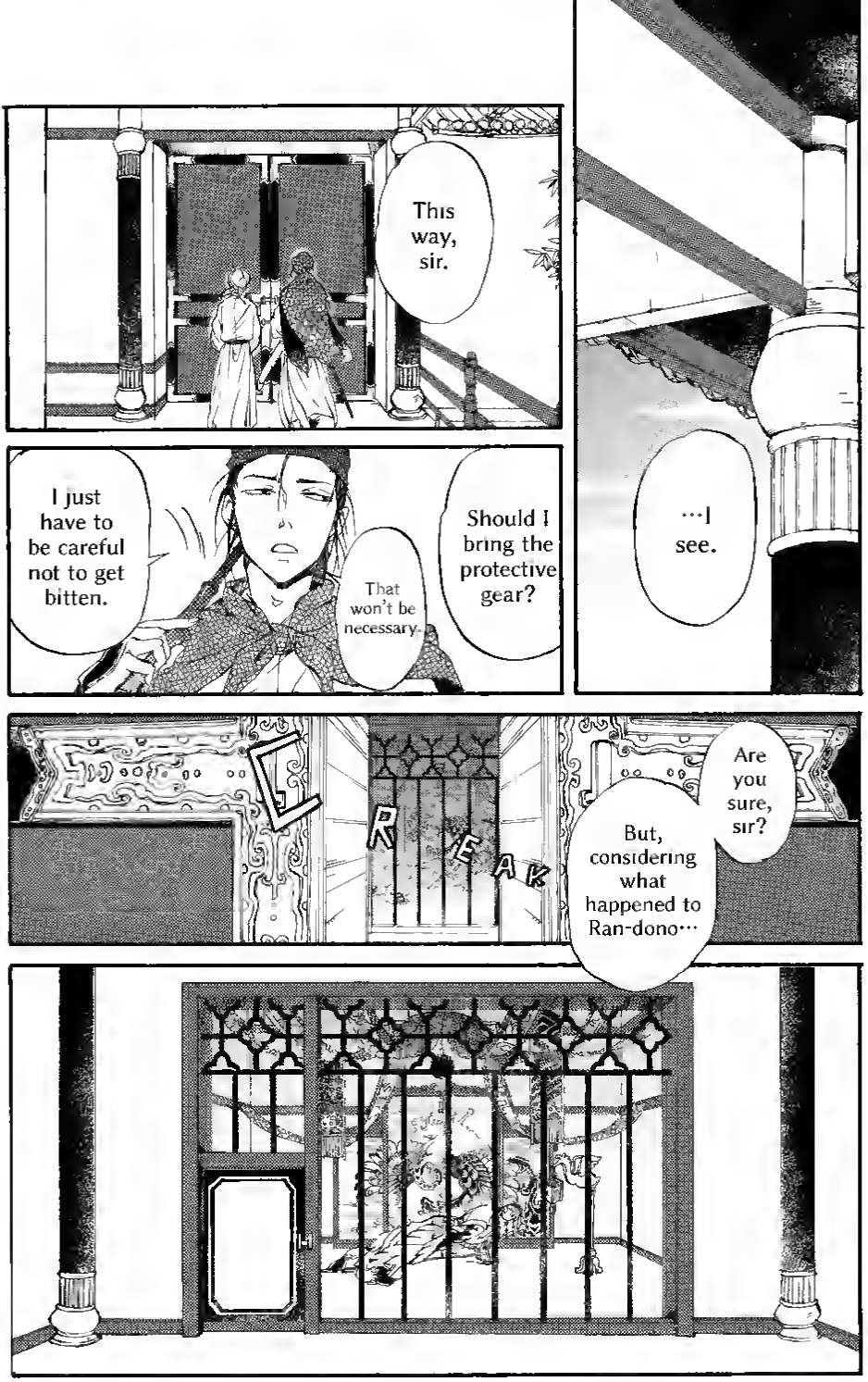
General Fei!
A direct order from the Grand Marshal, sir.

He wants you…!
to check on the Zhen …sir.



How to say, sir…
It doesn't look well of late.
Its plumes have also lost colour somewhat…

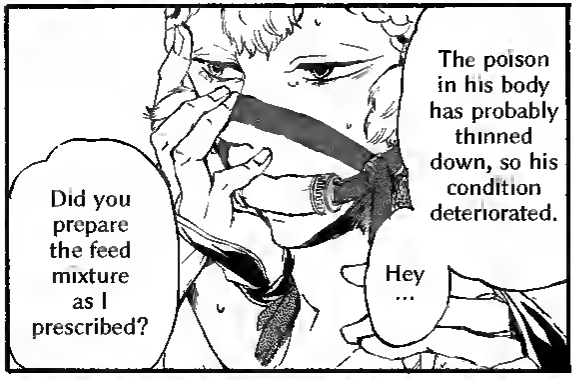
Due to the upcoming fair
he has ordered that you examined its condition at once…


This way, sir.
…I see.
I just have to be careful not to get bitten.
That won't be necessary.
Should I bring the protective gear?
CREAK
Are you sure, sir?
But, considering what happened to Ran-dono…

Slide...
G-
General Fei!

I'll start the examination now.
Open your mouth for the bit-
Been a while, huh.
Caihong.
Grit...!
FEI-DONO!!
Didn't you say
those plumes are your pride?!
...You sure you wanna do that?

Don't you want them…
restored?


The poison in his body has probably thinned down, so his condition deteriorated.
Hey …
Did you prepare the feed mixture as I prescribed?

His health seems fine in general.
Although I can see that the colour of his plumes has faded.

Y-yes, sir. Just as you instructed …sir
If so, then perhaps the issue lies in the ingredients themselves.

Even though the components were the same, the poison strength could vary if the raw ingredients were harvested in different seasons and localities.
TAP
TAP
General Fei.
A directive from the Grand Marshal, sir.
"I will leave the Zhen in your care until the fair, hope you don't mind"
...said he...
...
Hm...
But my other duties-
...Unless Zhen are beautiful
they can never be happy.
That's what Ran said.

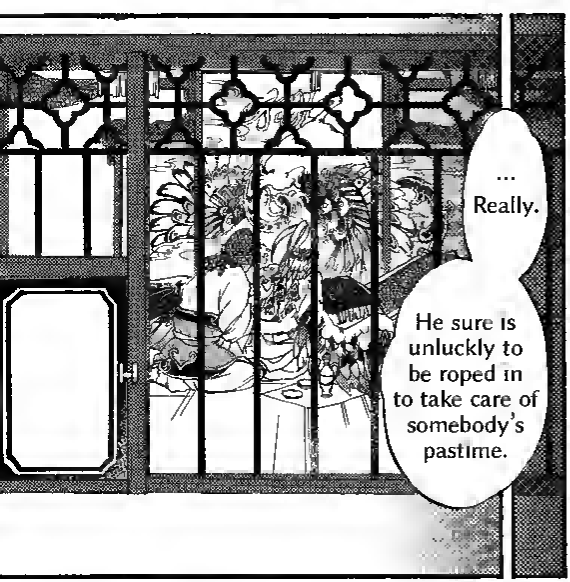
I got it.
Open!
nom nom
fidget fidget
fidget
fidget

I'm fine.
You guys just return to the training.
I'll follow after I'm done here.
General Fei~···
Sir, isn't it dangerous for you to be so close to it?!
Please step back a bit!
是~
(Yes, sir~)
lick
lick
TAP
TAP
Can you still eat more?
Here, a Wolfbane flower.
klik
klik
klik

Relax.
For *us*, the poison from the flower alone is already deadly though.
I will make sure the colour return before the fair.
Wave
So I should probably eat a part with stronger poison, like the root rather than the flower…
But I want my feathers to return to normal soon.
It is…
Isn't it your favourite …?

Soon…
huh.
!

Noisy
Noisy
The fair is tomorrow, right?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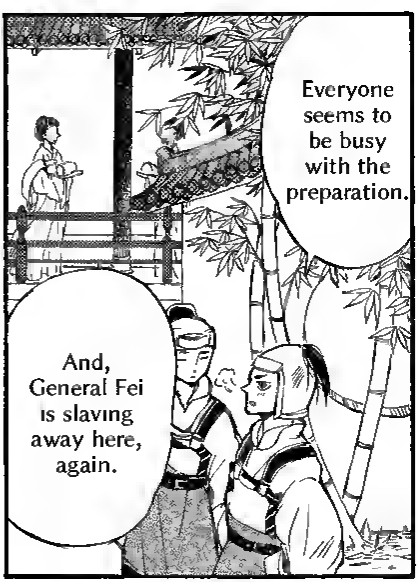
Really.
He sure is unluckly to be roped in to take care of somebody's pastime.


Everyone seems to be busy with the preparation.
And, General Fei is slaving away here, again.

It's great that they've returned to the original shades.
…Now, we're done with the lacquering as well.
Hmm.
The colour looks good.
TWITCH!

Could it be…
Snuggle
Snuggle
Tense
…!
Caihong?
!!
Twitch…
K-chak
K-chak
Fu
…!
Since when?
Nh—h
Nh…!
Fumble

Before… I came… here
Ever… since… that time…
Sometimes… I become… like this…
HAH…
Because of that, huh
!…
But-
!?
Puff!
I don't …
want to damage the colour of my plumes any more… than this.
So I've been enduring all this time…

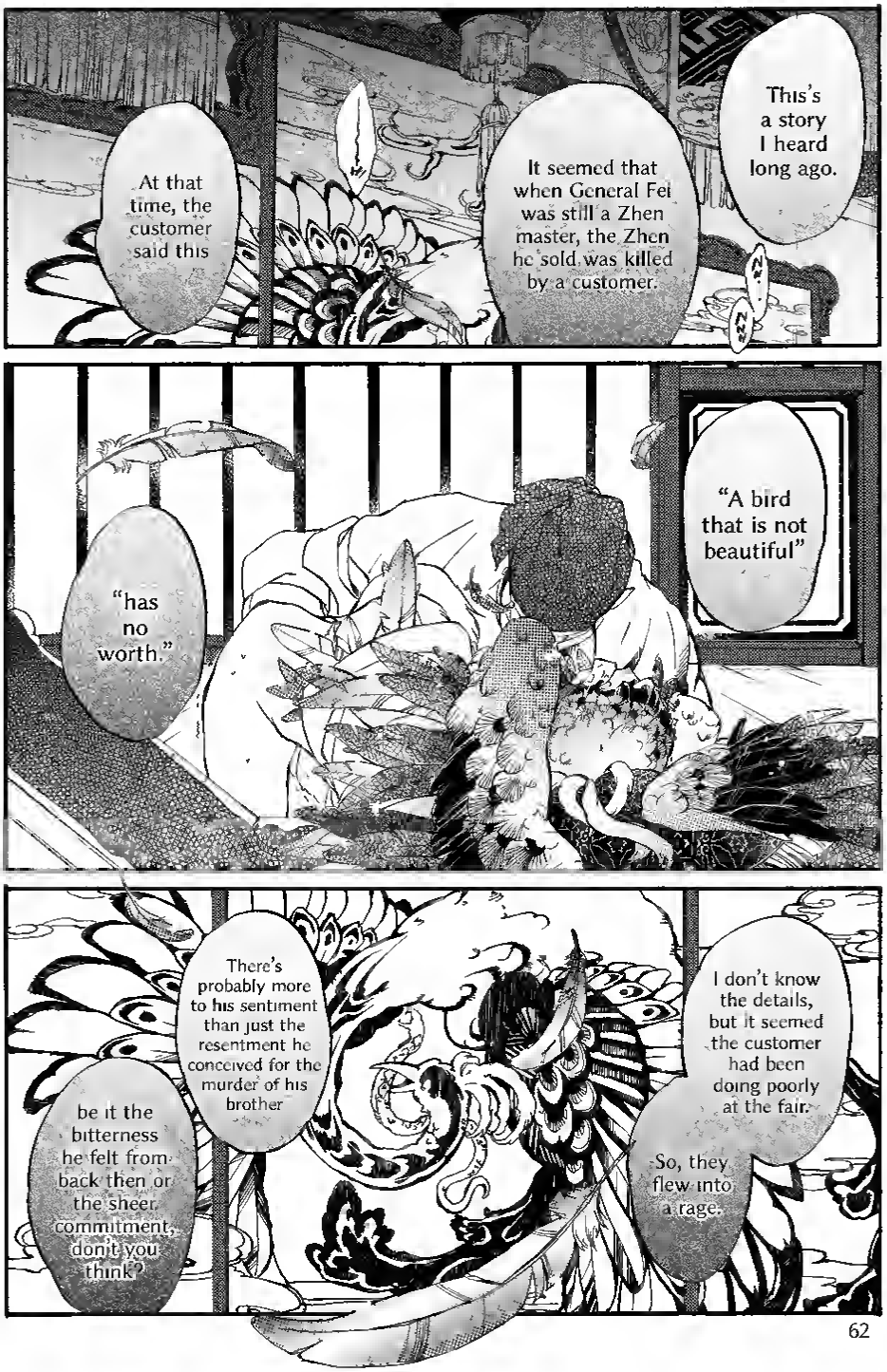
...Sticky
!!!
There is no open wound on my hand... Alright.
KLUNK!
GRAB!
!!!
I'm sorry.
I'll take responsibility.
Try to hold it in a bit longer.

INSERT...
SWISH
NHH
...H!
SQUISH
SQUISH
FLAP
Hey, don't struggle.
Your plumes will be damaged.
FLAP
Normally, you'd need to ejaculate to feel relief.
But if it's here,
you can come without doing that.
GRIND

Sorry for treating you like a hen.
Just bear with it for a bit.
General Feeeei!
My apologies, but there is a matter we need to discuss with you, sir…
May we have some of your time…?

So you probably shouldn't enter.
the door to the aviary is unlocked right now.
Also
I'm sorry but right now my hands are full.
...
Oh.
We'll come back later, sir.
...
Understood.
I'll listen to what you have to say later.
Fu
Fu
Fu
Fu

YANK!
H...!
TAP...
Why in the world
...is General Fei taking care of the Zhen that killed his own brother ...
Even though it's the Grand Marshal's order.
Isn't it pure absurdity, no matter how you look at it?!
Hm...
...!
Come now, there's probably more to it than that.


This's a story I heard long ago.
It seemed that when General Fei was still a Zhen master, the Zhen he sold was killed by a customer.
At that time, the customer said this
"A bird that is not beautiful"
"has no worth."
I don't know the details, but it seemed the customer had been doing poorly at the fair.
So, they flew into a rage.
There's probably more to his sentiment than just the resentment he conceived for the murder of his brother
be it the bitterness he felt from back then or the sheer commitment, don't you think?

You don't know when someone might be listening.
Don't bad-mouth your own master in a place like this.
... Whatever, the real villain is the Grand Marshal who gives such a task to General Fei.
Hmph!
He is just a crude man overall.
Meh!
Hey.
I was soaked in the Zhen's poison.
Oh! General Fei has returned!
Not yet
I'll follow after washing up.
So just go on ahead of me.
Noisy
Noisy
Ooo—H!

Woah
哎呀
(Wow)!
MAGNIFI-
CENT!
Woah
THERE'S
NO
QUESTION,
IT'S A
GOLD
CUP!
CHATTER
CHATTER
Goodness,
and your
brother
told me
to never
dispose of
him.
Who could
ever dispose
of such a
beauty!
FLUTTER

CHATTER
CHATTER
Really,
I think it's such a pity. Look how talented you are at it.
Won't you rear Zhen once more?
... Speaking of which, Fei.
Rearing the most beautiful Zhen will certainly benefit your career from now…
but Zhen are the pride of our land.
I know there's that matter concerning your brother
Moreover, I have promised myself
Never again will I raise another Zhen.
I respectfully decline, sir.
I prefer to be evaluated through my achievement in war, as it is most fitting for a military man.